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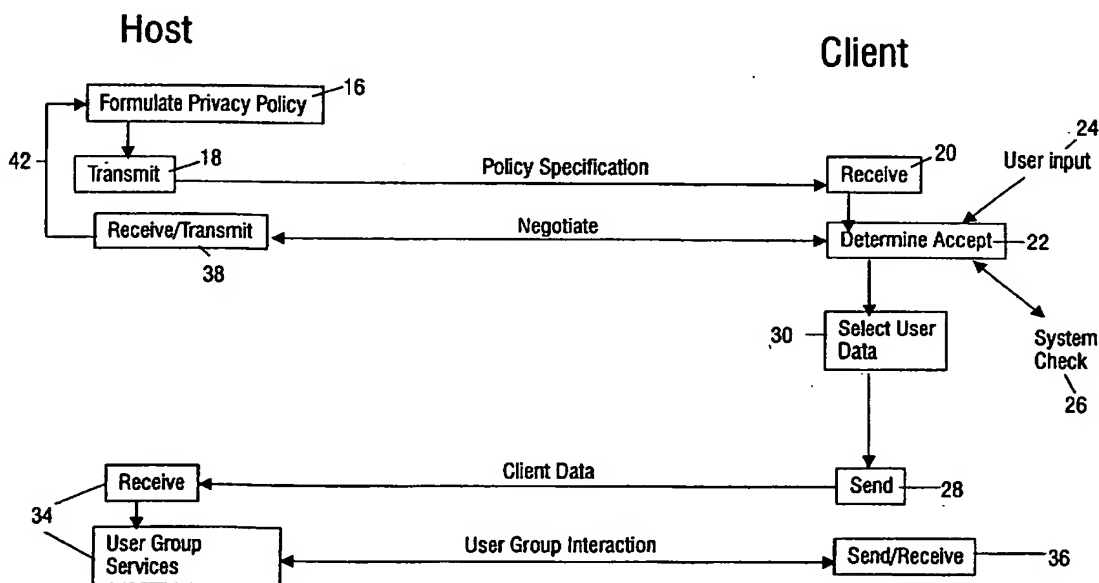
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(57) Abstract: A method is provided for controlling access by a client computer to an on-line user group hosted by a second computer, wherein the first computer stores personal data of a user. A privacy policy (16) identifying the personal data required to be provided to permit access to the user group is transmitted (18) from the host to the client as a part of the access routine. At the host a determination is made (22) as to whether a received privacy policy is acceptable and, if so, the client selects (30) from store the personal data identified in the privacy policy and transmits (28) the same to the host. A programmable device configured as a client is also disclosed.

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